



Department of Energy
Former Worker Medical
Screening Program

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FWP Background



History:

- Established following the issuance of the FY 1993 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 102-484), authorizing DOE to:

“...establish and carry out a program for the identification and on-going medical evaluation of...former DOE employees who are subject to significant health risks as a result of the exposure of such employees to hazardous or radioactive substances during such employment....”
- First former worker projects initiated in 1996.
- Program now serves ***all*** former workers from ***all*** DOE sites in locations close to their residences.



FWP Background (cont.)



Mission:

- Identify and notify former workers at risk for occupational disease.
- Offer them medical screening that can lead to treatment.
 - Over 60,000 individuals have received an initial screening exam
 - Approximately 8,600 have received a rescreening exam
- Provide information and assistance about medical follow-up and compensation.
- Use findings to strengthen safety and health protection for current and future workers.



FWP Current Initiatives



- Each team focuses on a distinct subset of the former worker population to:
 - Obtain rosters of former employees and their updated addresses;
 - Advertise the program through union and DOE newsletters, TV and newspaper, public meetings, and individual mailings;
 - Provide medical screening to interested individuals
 - Projects follow standardized medical screening protocol
 - Customize screening according to individual's work history and likely exposures
 - Refer individuals with suspicious findings for follow-up medical testing and, if applicable, to the DOL-run EEOICP.



Resources for FWP Information



- FWP website:

<http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/formerworkermed/>

- FWP brochure:

http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/formerworkermed/FWP_pamphlet.pdf

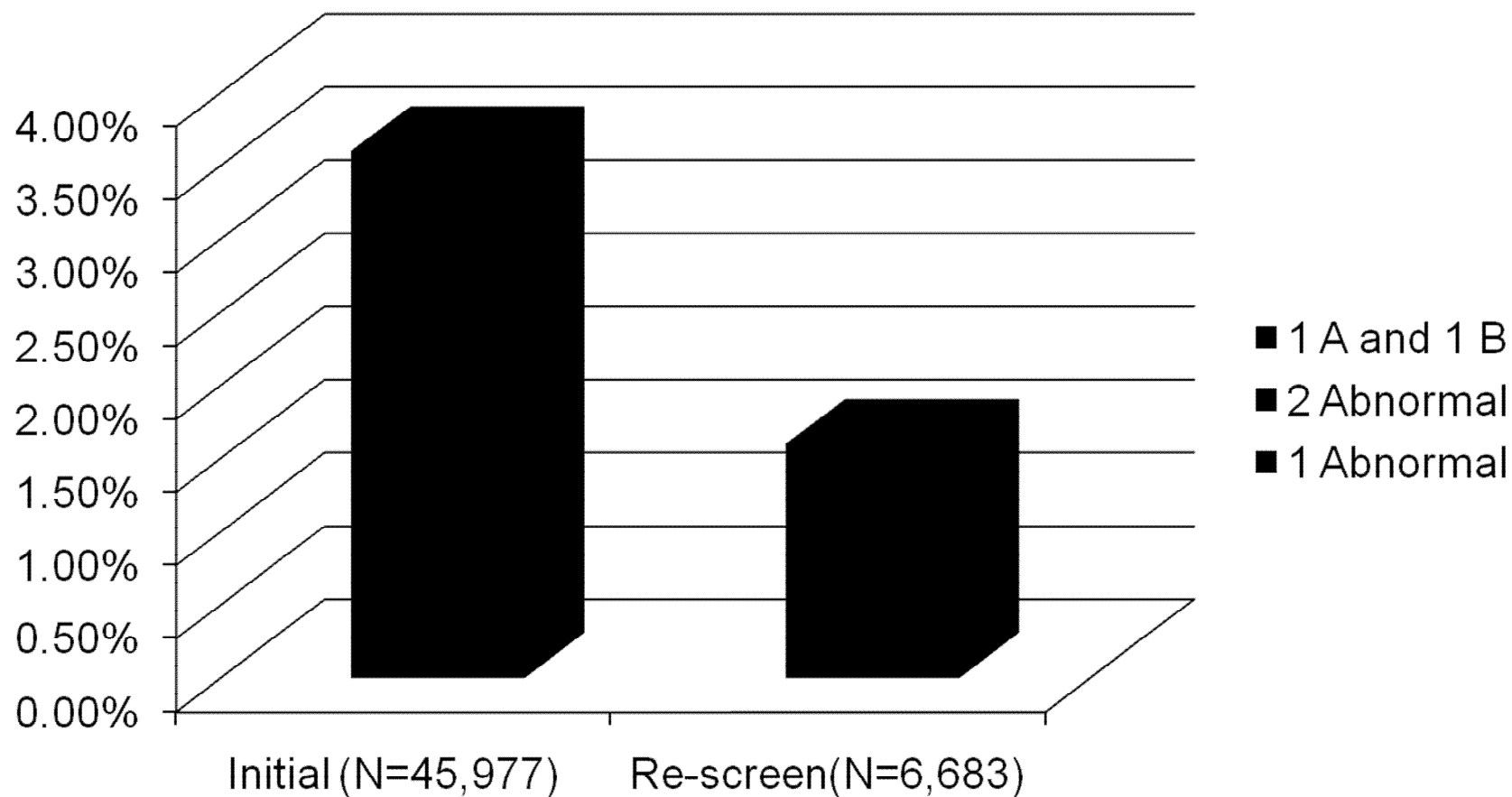
- FWP 2009 Annual Report:

http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/formerworkermed/2009_FWP_Annual_Report.pdf



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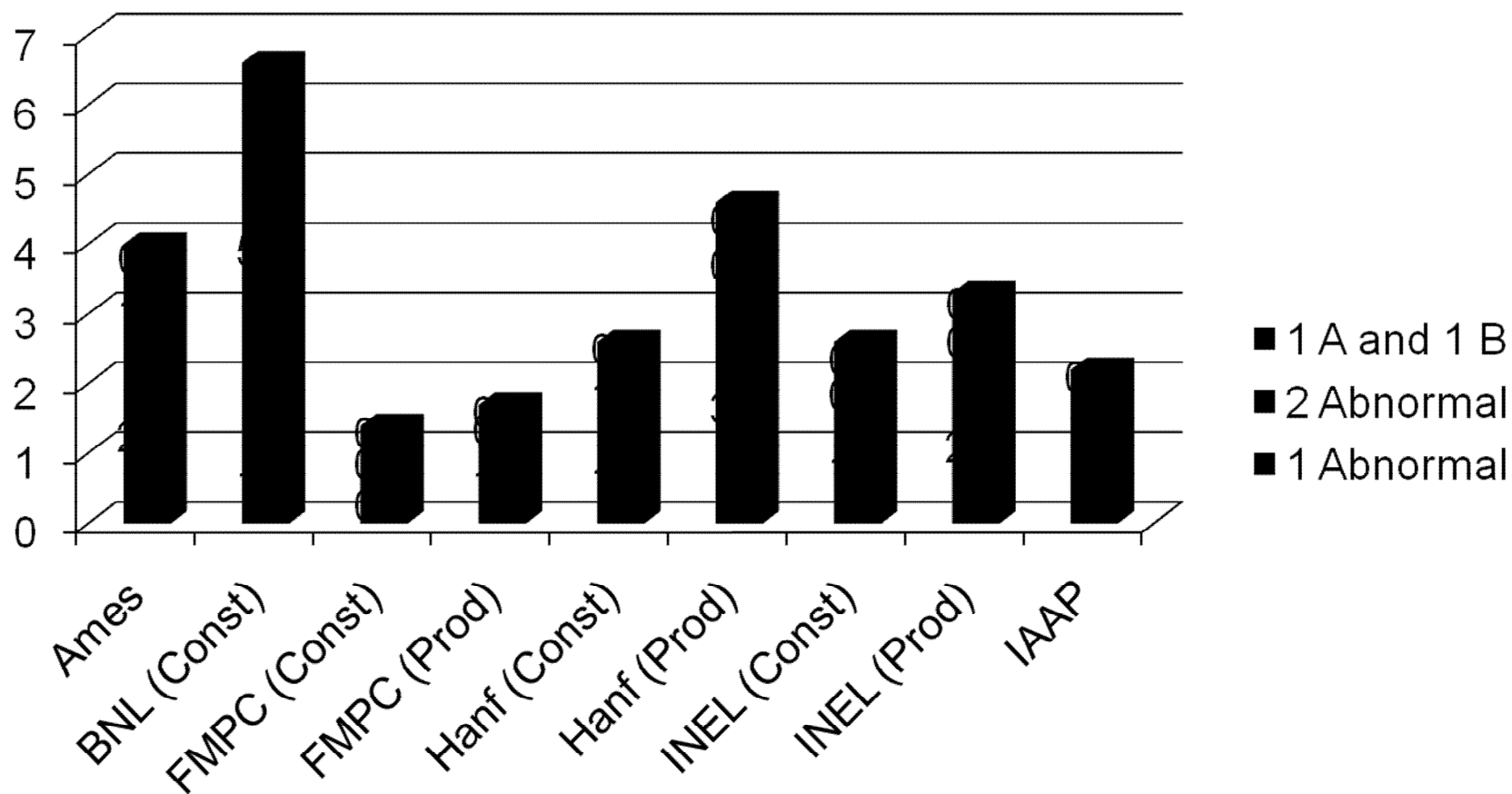
Initial Screening





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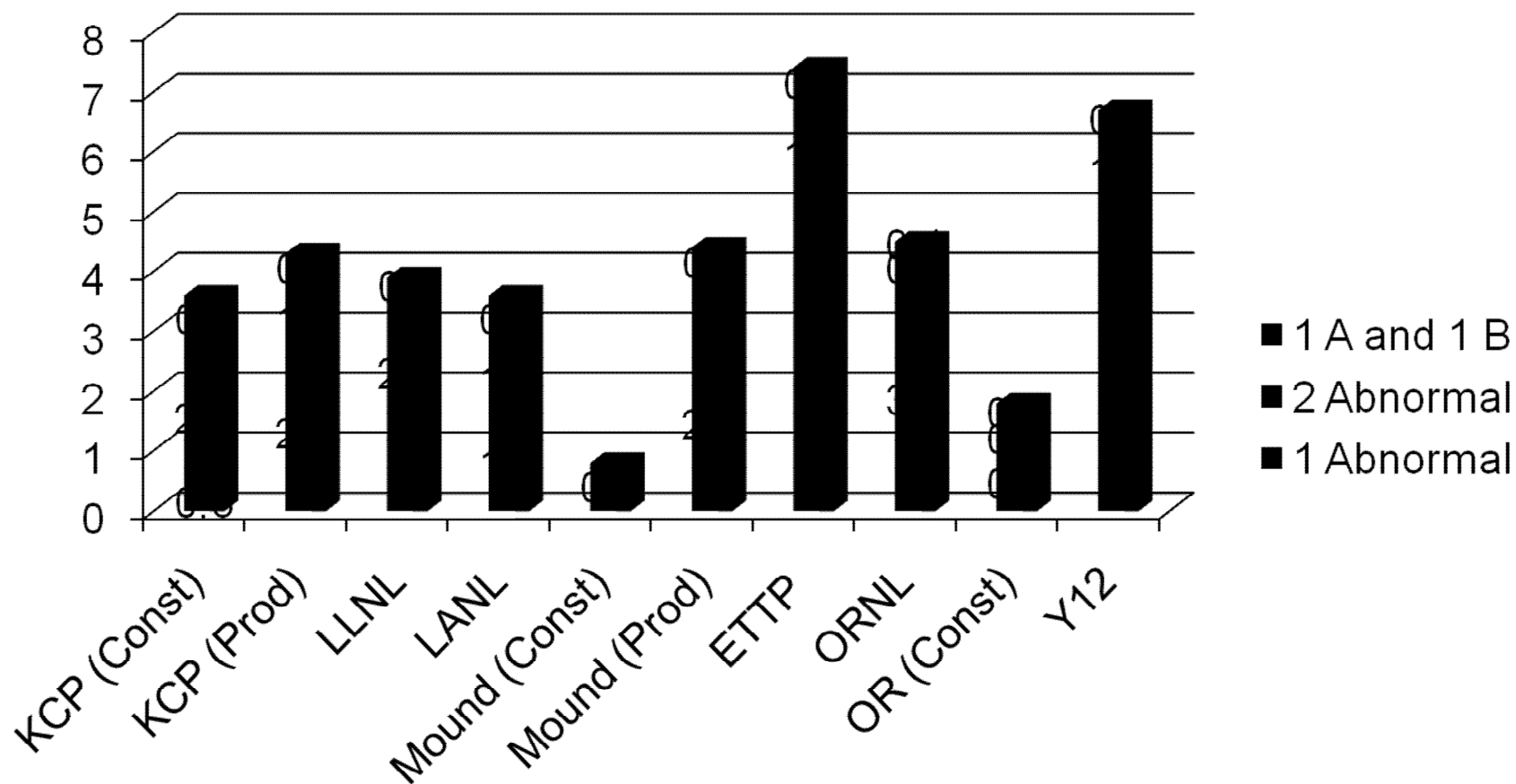
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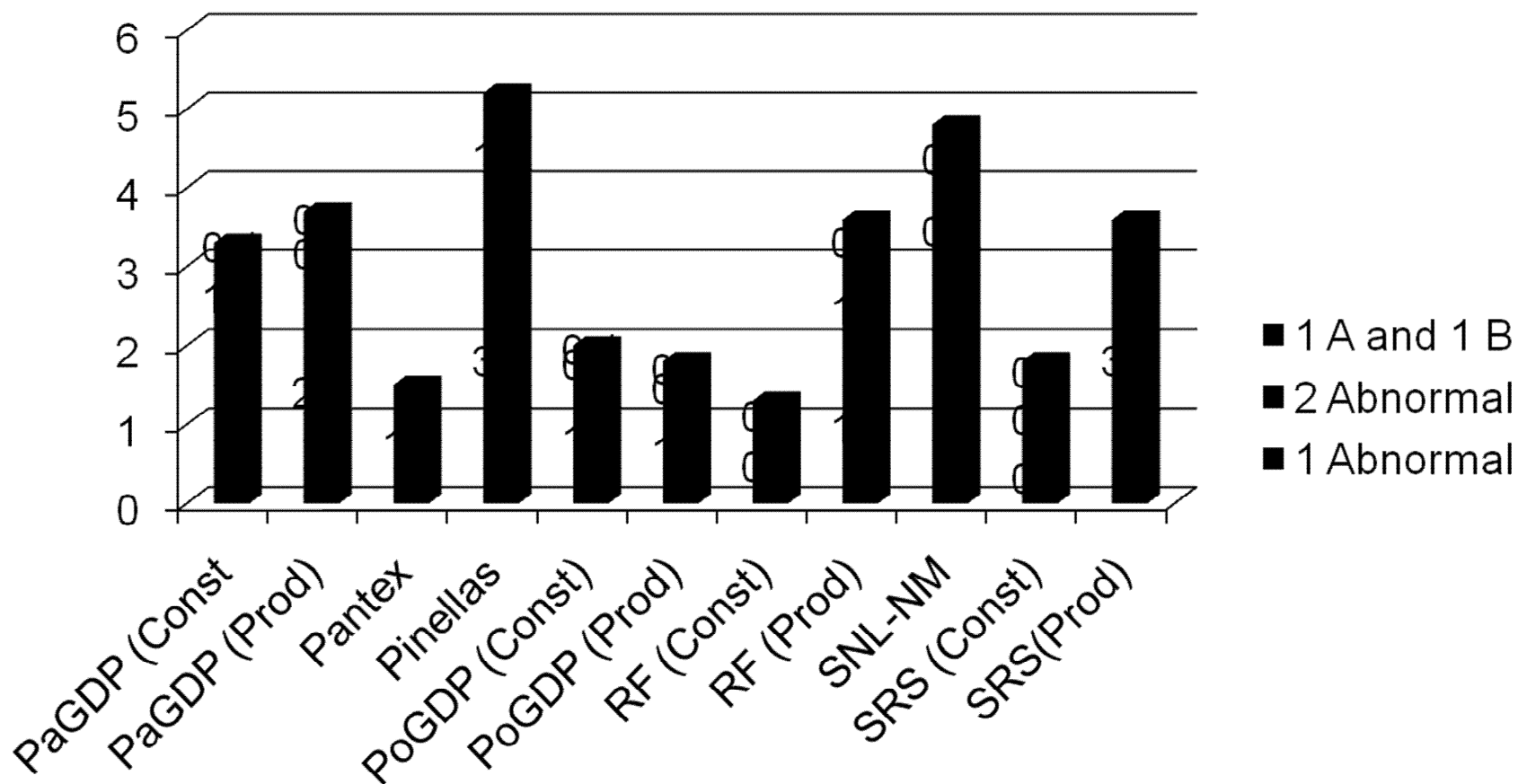
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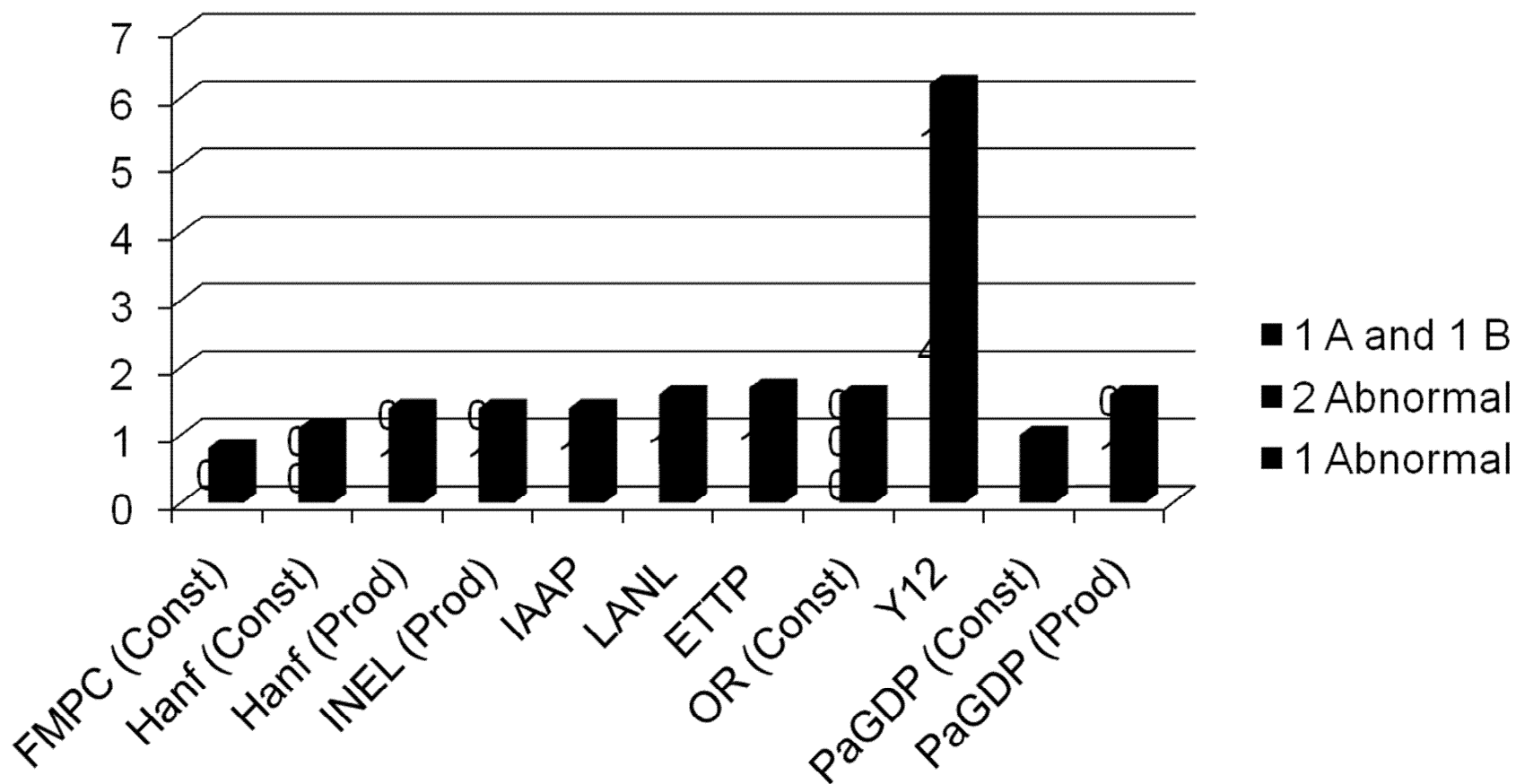
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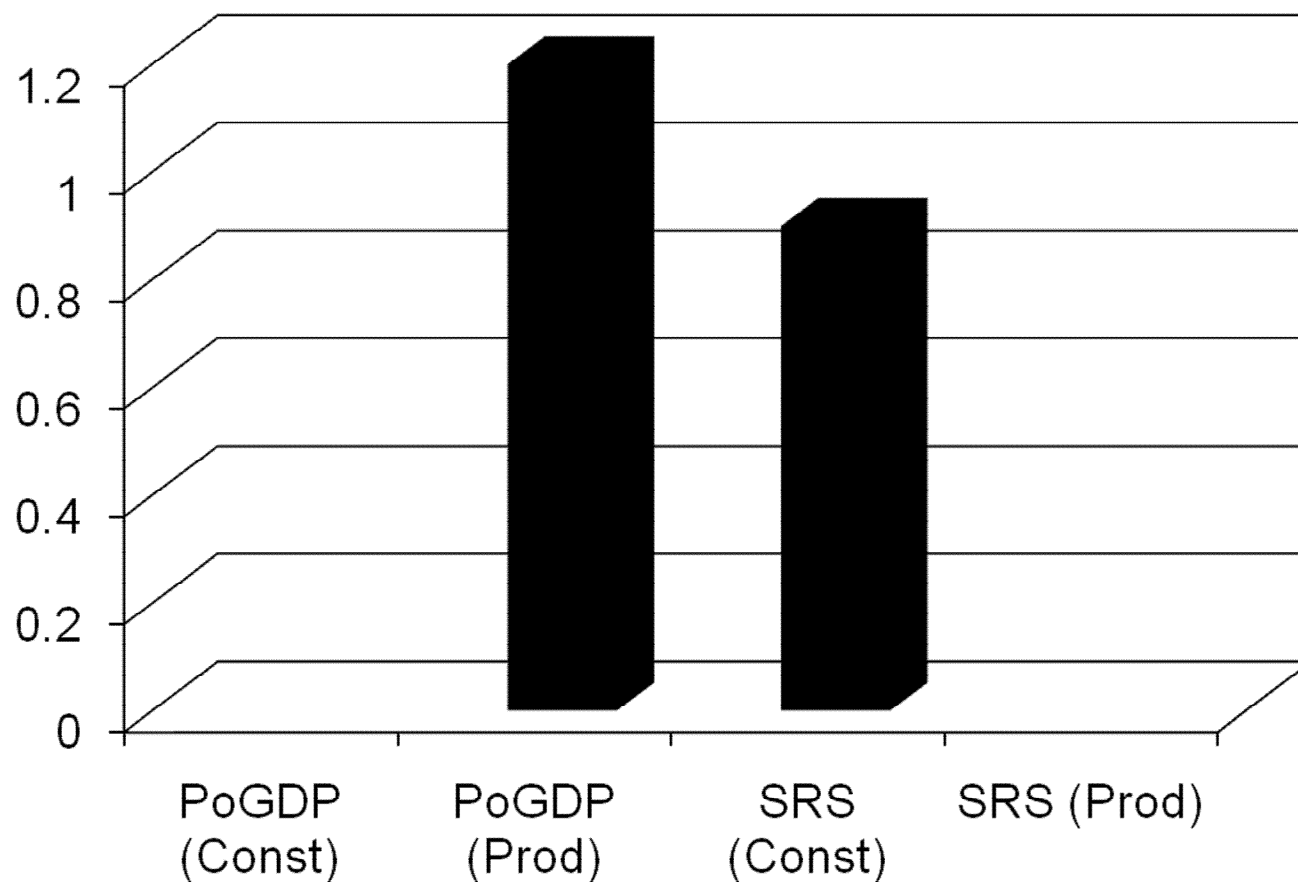
Re-Screening





BeLPT Results

Re-Screening



- 1 A and 1 B
- 2 Abnormal
- 1 Abnormal



Other Findings



- Chest x-ray (N = 53,489)
 - 12.3% demonstrated findings consistent with asbestos-related non-malignant disease of the chest
- Pulmonary Function test (N = 52,177)
 - 21.6% demonstrated PFT findings consistent with either chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or asthma
- Hearing test (N = 46,785)
 - 61.8% demonstrated hearing loss for normal speech tones



Questions???